

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph [0001] to read as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/543,693, filed 05 April 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,644,464, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/804,039, filed 24 February 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,123,185, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/715,790, filed 19 September 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,727,668, which is a File Wrapper Continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/567,264, filed 05 December 1995, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/181,600 filed 13 January 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,511,670, all of which are entitled "Needle Sorting Device", and all of which are hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes.